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1. REGRET DELAY IN RESPONDING TO REFTEL.
2. BUS TRANSPORT. VIRTUALLY THE ENTIRE FLEET OF PUBLIC BUSES IS OBSOLETE. A SWEDISH TRANSPORT STUDY WILL RECOMMEND THAT DURING THE NEXT FIVE YEARS MOZAMBIQUE ACQUIRE APPROX. TWO THOUSAND BUSES FOR INTRA-AND INTER-CITY TRANSPORT.
3. RAIL TRANSPORT. CFM MOZAMBIQUE RAILWAYS HAS JUST PURCHASED 25 MAINLINE LOCOMOTIVES AND TENDERED FOR 24 MORE SHUNTING ENGINES FOR THE MAPUTO LINE. WHEN THE BORDER WITH RHODESIA RE-OPENS, LOCOMOTIVES AND OTHER ROLLING STOCK WILL BE NEEDED FOR THE BEIRA LINE. TOTAL NEEDS OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS APPROXIMATELY 50 ADDITIONAL LOCOMOTIVES AND 1000 FREIGHT CARS.
4. AIR TRANSPORT. THE NATIONAL AIRLINES, DETA, IS EXPECTED TO BUY LONG-RANGE AIRCRAFT, PROBABLY ONE OR TWO USED BOEING 707'S WITHIN TWO YEARS. THE AIRLINE'S FOUR BOEING 737'S SHOULD ALSO BE REPLACED WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. THE MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT IS ALSO CONSIDERING BUYING SEVERAL CROP-DUSTING AND PARA-MILITARY PLANES.

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5. WATER TRANSPORT. A MAJOR MOZAMBIQUE DEVELOPMENT GOAL IS THE EXPANSION OF COASTAL FISHING ACTIVITIES. DURING NEXT FIVE YEARS MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT IS LIKELY TO PURCHASE MEDIUM-SIZED DUAL PURPOSE FISHING BOATS. PURCHASE OF ONE OR TWO SECOND-HAND OCEAN-GOING CARGO SHIPS IS ALSO UNDER CONSIDERATION.
6. PORTS: CONSTRUCTION OFFSHORE PORT AT BEIRA UNDERWAY. MAJOR

IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING PROBABLE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW COAL-LOADING FACILITY, LIKELY AT MAPUTO PORT.

7. A COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION STUDY DONE BY SWEDISH FRM VIAK WILL BE PRESENTED TO GPRM WITHIN A MONTH. EMBASSY HAS SOME PRELIMINARY INFORMATION FROM STUDY BUT WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN FINAL DOCUMENT IF IT IS MADE PUBLIC.MCGUIRE

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